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RACING TIPS

(By "The Turf")

1st Race
Lovely Lady
Aviation
Flying Arrow
Outsider:—Larkspur Lad.
2nd Race
Brivisto
Queen of Hearts
Rosebud
Outsider:—Senfire.
3rd Race
Hostile Witness
Argus II
Happy Season
Outsider:—Honeybelle.
4th Race
Plinkie
Happy Boy
Flying Tiger
Outsider:—Marigold.
5th Race
Meteor
Black Market
Pleasant Valley
Outsider:—Blue Sky.

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—and more and more
EVERY DAY

6th Race
A Grand Time
Grey Lady
Chief Witness
Outsider:—Kwong Ming.
7th Race
Meteorologist
Room Town
Rebel
Outsider:—Happy Valley.
8th Race
Kookaburra
Buried Straight
Lola Sapola
Outsider:—Fearless Witness.
9th Race
Trade Wind
Ponocok
Al Fresco
Outsider:—Arctic.
10th Race
Wright
Princess Delight
Maroubra
Outsider:—Sunny.

Attempt To Kill Ex-Premier

Singapore, Apr. 30.—A Bangkok report to the Straits Times said today former Premier Khuang Aphaiwong of Siam had escaped shots fired by an assassin. The dispatch said Khuang, his family and government colleagues were travelling in a car to a seaside resort. No one was injured.

Field Marshal Phibun Songram replaced Khuang as Premier a few weeks ago.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

The New Offensive

The Western Europe democratic offensive is gaining impetus, and is rapidly snatching the initiative from the Communists. Simultaneous with the London meeting between the Ministers and Chiefs of Staff of the five Western Union nations, comes the report that President Truman is preparing a special message to Congress asking for the reintroduction of military lease-lease on a limited scale for the 16 Marshall Plan countries, with special attention to be paid to the Benelux union. This is initiative reminiscent of the late President Roosevelt, and the import of the action is not likely to be lost on the Kremlin. American military lease-lease at this moment would give practical effect to the mutual defence alliance which has always been implied in the Marshall Plan, and approval by Congress of this exceptional measure would undoubtedly facilitate final agreement between the Western European military staffs. Although the agenda for the London talks is secret observers predict with confidence that it will embrace such subjects as modernisation and co-ordination of the military forces of the five powers, will seek to agree on a standardisation of weapons, and will discuss an ultimate unified command. The value of any

STERN BRITISH WARNING

Jews Told They Will Be Attacked If They Persist In Hostilities

JERUSALEM EXPLOSIONS

Jerusalem, Apr. 30.—The British authorities in Jerusalem tonight officially warned the Jewish Agency that unless attacks on the Jerusalem Arab suburb of Katamon ceased, "the authorities would use all military force, including aircraft," to attack the Jews in Jerusalem, an Agency spokesman said.

Haganah forces this afternoon claimed the occupation of the Greek Orthodox monastery of St Simeon, which "had been the central Arab fortress," according to a Jewish spokesman who added that there were at least four heavy machine-guns manned by Iraqis mounted on the walls.

Fifteen Jews were killed and 20 wounded. No details of Arab casualties were available at the time.

Jewish sources reported tonight that the Arabs had asked a British officer to approach the Jews for their truce terms in the 24-hour battle which has been raging in Katamon.

The British military commander of the Lydda district today ordered British troops to take over at midday tomorrow the stretch of borderline between the Arab positions in Jaffa and the Jewish-held Arab quarter of Manshieh to prevent "the crossing of any armed Jews or arms."

Lightning Strikes Plane

Marselles, April 30.—Eleven people died when a Royal Air Force four-engined Lincoln, on its way from Malta to Britain, was struck by lightning and exploded in the air over Verquieres, a small village near Avignon, southern France.

Nine bodies had been recovered from the debris tonight. All were military personnel.

Debris was scattered over a wide area. At least one body was known to be still entombed in the wreck.

The plane had just emerged from a heavy cloud during a thunderstorm when it was struck.

A French peasant who saw the accident said that the plane disintegrated with a violent explosion. One of the engines fell on the peasant's cottage and demolished half of it, but did not injure the occupants, who were in another part of the house.—Reuter.

Telephone still work locally but with decreasing efficiency, the telegram added. Lyddi airport is out of operation and regular air mail communications and air mail services in and out of the country have stopped. "The intensity of the fighting is increasing steadily. Camps and other important areas vacated by the British forces immediately became battlegrounds."

"Operations on a large and more important scale than Haifa are expected shortly. Rumours are tending to increase the nervous tension in the country. Signed Chairman of the Palestine Truce Commission"—Reuter.

EXPLOSIONS ROCK CITY

Jerusalem, Apr. 30.—All of Jerusalem was rocked tonight by two heavy explosions in the southern section of the city, where bitter fighting has been raging. Jewish shock troops stormed into southern Jerusalem today and appeared to have thrown a deadlock around a string of Arab strongpoints. Other Jewish units closed an iron ring around Arab Jaffa.

Arab commanders rushed in reinforcement from Jericho, Bethlehem and Hebron to bolster their sagging lines in Jerusalem, and word spread through the streets that a showdown battle for the Holy City was on.

There were reports that the threatened invasion of Palestine by regular army troops of neighbouring Arab states was under way.

An Arab news agency dispatch received in Damascus said troops of Iraq and Transjordan entered Palestine this afternoon. There was no immediate confirmation.

Mr Arthur Calwell, the Australian Minister of Immigration, said in Canberra tonight that the Australian Government would refuse passports to Australians seeking to go to Palestine to fight for either side.—Reuter.

Bullitt Heading For China

San Francisco, Apr. 30.—William G. Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia and France, has booked passage on a flight to Shanghai tonight Pan-American Airways said. Pan-American officials said they understood Mr Bullitt was making a personal visit to China with no official duties involved.

In recent months he has written special articles on China.—Associated Press.

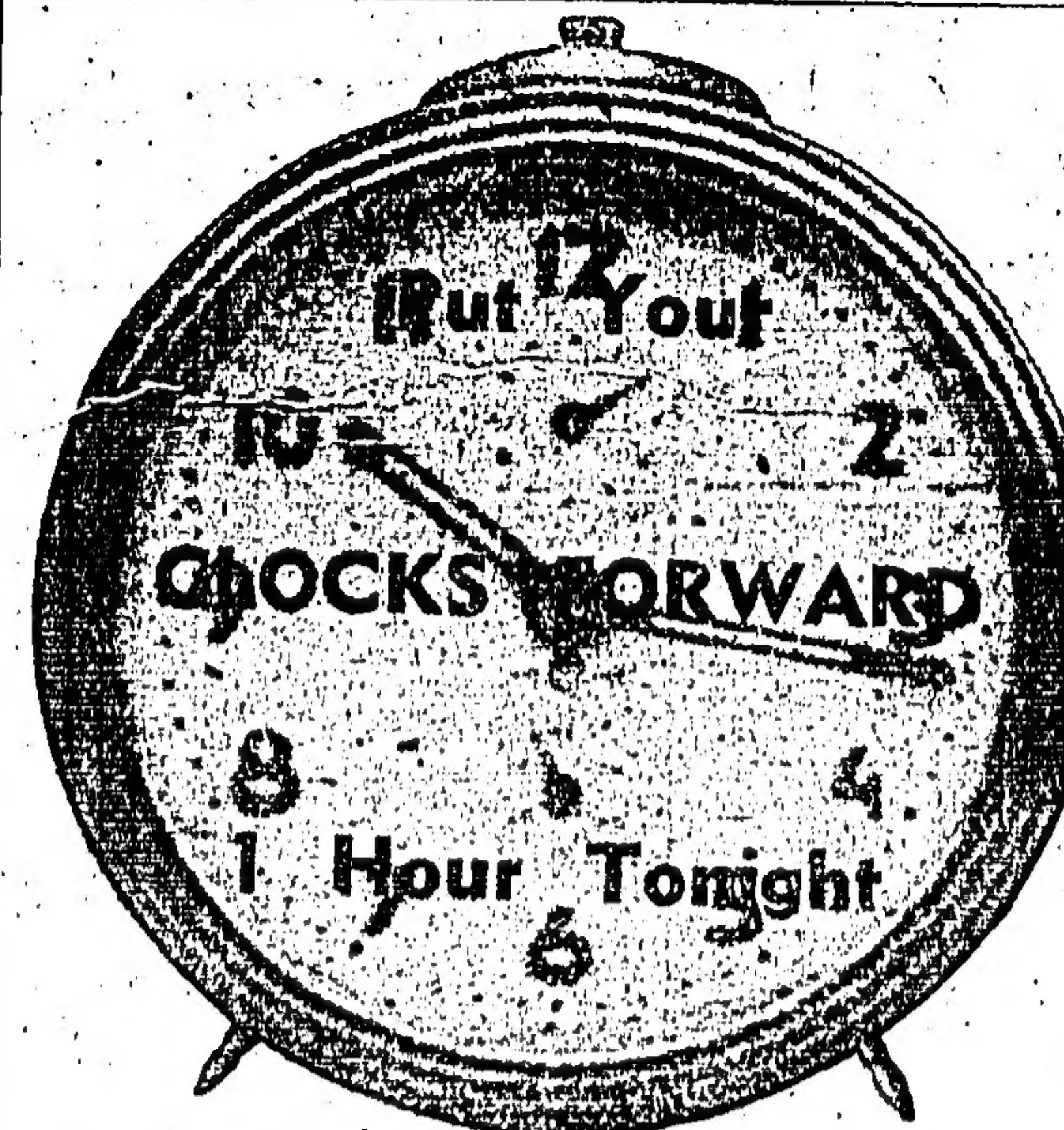
PUPILS SPRAY TEACHER'S HOME WITH BULLETS

New York, Apr. 30.—Six school boys aged between twelve and sixteen were charged today with a plot to force their high school teacher to award passing marks in Algebra by spraying her home with rifle shots.

Police identified the ring-leader as a fourteen-year-old mathematics pupil of the teacher Miss Margaret Jokiel.

The nine Labourites made their demand in motion introduced in the House of Commons. They also accused British governments, prior to the present Labour Government, of mismanaging Palestine affairs.

The text of the motion read: "That this House records the opinion that the affairs of Palestine have been mismanaged by British Governments



HANOVER WORKERS DOWN TOOLS

Hanover, Apr. 30.—Thousands of vitally-needed metal and automobile workers in this industrial city in the British Zone threw the switch on a "no eat no work" strike today and walked out.

Twenty thousand labourers who make automobiles or their component parts for a large part of Western Germany voted to wait no longer for help from the Military Government in their demand for more food. They laid down their tools and quit for the weekend, at least.

The Works Council meets again on Monday to hear reports from its own leaders, German food exports and Military Government authorities on the food outlook for the coming month.

The "strike" will last at least until then, since tomorrow and Sunday are holidays.

The move to quit work started two days ago in the Hanomag works where 3,000 employees voted not to wait for today's Council meeting but walked off on their own hook for a 24-hour layoff. Others bidding their time to go with them pulled a strike today.

OFFERS TO AUSSIES

Sydney, Apr. 30.—Australian ex-servicemen had been offered up to £40 a week here to go to the Middle East and train troops for the Palestine fighting, a reliable source here said today.

He said that both the Jews and Arabs were making offers and several ex-officers, including one expert in commando training, had been signed up as instructors by the Arabs.

Jewish agents are also said to be seeking experienced men, particularly with technical military training. One senior officer was said to have accepted £60 a week.

Both sides were maintaining the strictest secrecy and no official or organisation here would admit that recruiting was going on.

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So far the strike has been peaceful and without incident. It has not yet spread throughout the city generally but has been confined to metal and automobile workers.

However, trade union leaders fear that if the Military Government here or in Frankfurt cannot find a satisfactory solution to the food programme, the strike may reach into the heavily-centralized chemical industry here. Such a development probably would bring more than half the city's work force out.

British Bizonal authorities said today in Frankfurt that they had received no report from the Regional Commission here which required

special action. In any event, they explained, the proposal for reversal of the Allied Commanders' decision to maintain the basic ration throughout the Zone must be submitted to them in Berlin for action.—United Press.

LABORATORY EXPLOSION

Schenectady, New York, Apr. 30.—An explosion of such force that it blew a worker through a window rocked an entire floor of the General Electric Company's research laboratory building here today.

The man hurled through the window was reported to have died.

The laboratory was engaged on extensive atomic research. The cause of the explosion was not determined immediately. The explosion, it was announced later, was a chemical explosion and wrecked an entire floor of the laboratory.—Reuter.

US Agents Accused Of Abducting Soviet Col.

Berlin, April 30.—The Russian authorities charged tonight that American intelligence agents abducted a Russian lieutenant-colonel in Bremen, on April 23.

A dispatch by the Russian-licensed news agency, ADN, said that the Russian authorities protested once to American officials in Bremen and twice to the Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Charles Galley, in Berlin.

The last protest was delivered today, the Russians stated, after previous messages had been ignored and demanded the Russian officer's immediate release.

The Russian statement, quoted by the ADN, said that the Russian Lt.-Col. J. D. Tassolow "disappeared on April 23 after he accepted an invitation to tea at the home of the American harbour commander in Bremen, Mr. Clam."

The American authorities were not immediately available for comment.

INVITED TO TEA

The Russian statement continued: "Tassolow went to Clam's home at 6:30 p.m. He had not been seen since. It was known by the American authorities that Tassolow had completed his tour of duty at Bremen and planned to leave for Berlin.

"A Russian 1st Lieut. named Beljakow, who arrived in Bremen on April 21, was invited to lunch with the Clams on April 23. Mrs. Clam is a White Russian. However, on April 23, Tassolow was told that the lunch had been postponed but that the Clams would like to see him that afternoon for tea.

"Before leaving Tassolow told his housekeeper that he would not stay long. Shortly after he left (for tea) Lieut. Beljakow was called to the harbour where an accident had happened while loading the Russian reparations steamer, Sutschau.

"This accident was apparently staged to lure the Lieut. away from home. Returning home the housekeeper told Beljakow that Tassolow had called a couple of times and she noticed that he barely could speak and somebody attempted to stop him from speaking.

"The Lieutenant immediately called at Clam's home but no one answered. Apparently the lie was out of order.

"On April 24, the Lieutenant got in touch with Mr. Clam.

ABSURD EXPLANATION

"Clam gave a completely absurd explanation that Tassolow came to his house with two unknown Georgians and that after a while, Clam and his wife left the house while Lieut. Col. Tassolow and the two unidentified men remained.

"It is evident that the American intelligence service abducted the Russian Lieutenant-Colonel for ulterior purposes. The Russian suggestion that a Russian investigation commission be sent to Bremen was turned down by the American authorities. On April 25, the Rus-

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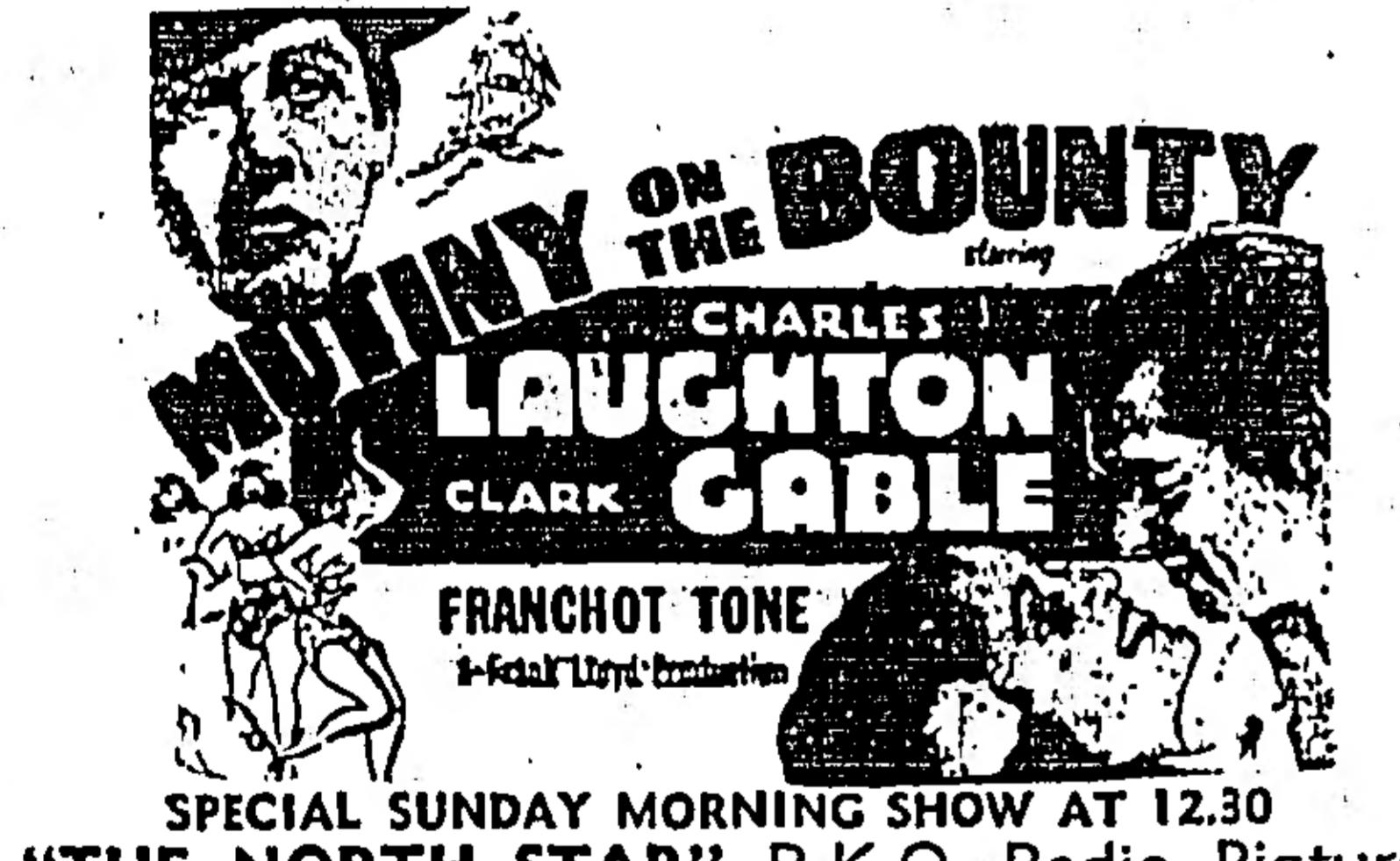
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ORSON WELLES in his latest "Lady from Shanghai" film follows the current fashion for heroes with "surrowed brows." In a 92-minute film, he does not smile once. Famous film stars with "surrowed brows" are: David Niven, Burgess Meredith, Humphrey Bogart, and James Mason. It looks as though post-war women film fans are looking for tired brows.



Rita plus Orson for 92 minutes

THE characters in Rita Hayworth's new film, "THE LADY FROM SHANGHAI," (to be shown hero soon), are a pretty nasty lot.

Rita (with her hair dyed platinum and cropped close to the head) is a White Russian girl who has known the seedy side of life in Chefoo, Macao, and Shanghai. Her husband (Everett Sloane) is a cripple, a sadist, and a drunkard, who has married her for peculiar reasons of his own.

The young man (Orson Welles) whom she entices to her husband's yacht—you guess why—is an Irish tough who has committed murder in his time. There is also a mad lawyer and a crooked detective.

They all go off on a cruise to Mexico, where Rita has ample opportunity to show off her undeniable beauty of form. Orson Welles falls in love, and the other two perspire in the heat as they plot to kill each other.

Orson Welles wrote the script and directed the story, so you will guess that it has its peculiar moments. In fact, all the characters looked slightly drunk to me, and after watching them for 92 minutes I felt somewhat tipsy myself. But Rita looked wonderful, as she always does to me, drunk or sober.

Summing-up again, a pretentious film, but worth seeing just for the scenery, both natural and human.

THE THRILL QUEEN
IMAGINE anybody having to be told who Pearl White was.

Yet the bills which announced "The Perils of Pauline" have to add to her name the information that she was "the queen of the serials." Hollywood has a tendency to sentimentalise its own past and imbue biography with false values, but here they have resisted that and even used a sense of humour.

Pearl's on-and-off romance with an actor who once fired her from a small touring company is rather a nuisance, but the main line of the story is busier being amusing than in seeking to beautify the star.

The atmosphere of the early movies is delightfully caught. With Betty Hutton playing Pearl White there is, of course, no studious portraiture, for this dynamic comedienne's personality is too strong to be submerged in another's.

I know she is not to everybody's taste, but I confess to a stubborn affection for the drive and expertise she brings to everything she does.

Maybe some nostalgia is needed for a full appreciation of this picture. Certainly for those of us who now count the silver threads among the mousy-brown there is that extra zest of recaptured childhood thrills.

—Leonard Mosley.

AMBER DARNELL



Linda Darnell and Cornel Wilde are the Amber St Clare and Bruce Carlton of the lavish screen version of Kathleen Winsor's novel, "Forever Amber," which opens at the King's Theatre next week.

FANS LIKE FOOD IN THEIR FILMS

By PATRICIA CLARY
MOVIE producer-director
A believes the film scenes you remember best are the ones that show the glamorous star diving eagerly into a plate of food.

You can leave out the clinches with the leading man, Lloyd Bacon thinks. The clinches the movie-goer likes are the ones with the big thick steak.

Bacon's food fad has almost reached the point where he picks his menu before he picks his stars. He doesn't know whom he's going to get for his next picture, "The Glittering Hill," for instance, but he does know all about the scenes in which the characters prepare, contemplate, talk about, eat, and dawdle over food.

Bacon has kept detailed notes of scene-by-scene audience reactions to his own and other pictures. They have led him to adopt a rigid policy of at least two or three eating scenes in all future productions.

EATING APPEALS
"The psychology is simple. Food is a pleasant idea," Bacon said. "It is an axiom in the publishing business that long enough and frequent enough eating sequences will sell any book."

"Most of the top newspaper columnists get on the subject of food frequently. Most magazines have food departments. Cook books are always among the best sellers. Audiences are always impressed by eating scenes even when they aren't pleasant. Remember Charles Laughton's portrayal of Henry VIII. The part that stands out is the way he tossed the bones over his shoulder."

Even movie romance frequently is associated with food.

"Any time the gal accepts the boy's invitation to dine in a little Italian restaurant with red-cheeked tablecloths and candles stuck in wine bottles," he said, "you can be sure romance is about to bloom."

There's one place where Bacon draws the line. "No picture of mine," he swore, "will denote the passage of time by showing an empty plate." —United Press.

THEATRE Directory

TODAY'S FILMS
QUEEN'S—Good News (June Allyson, Peter Lawford).
KING'S—The Exile (Douglas Fairbanks Jnr., Maria Montez, Paule Croset).
LEE—Frisco Kid (James Cagney, Margaret Lindsay).
CENTRAL—Undersea Kingdom (Ray Corrigan).
ORIENTAL—Mutiny on the Bounty (Charles Laughton, Clark Gable).
CATHAY—Mother Wore Tights (Betty Grable, Dan Dailey).
ALHAMBRA—Good News.
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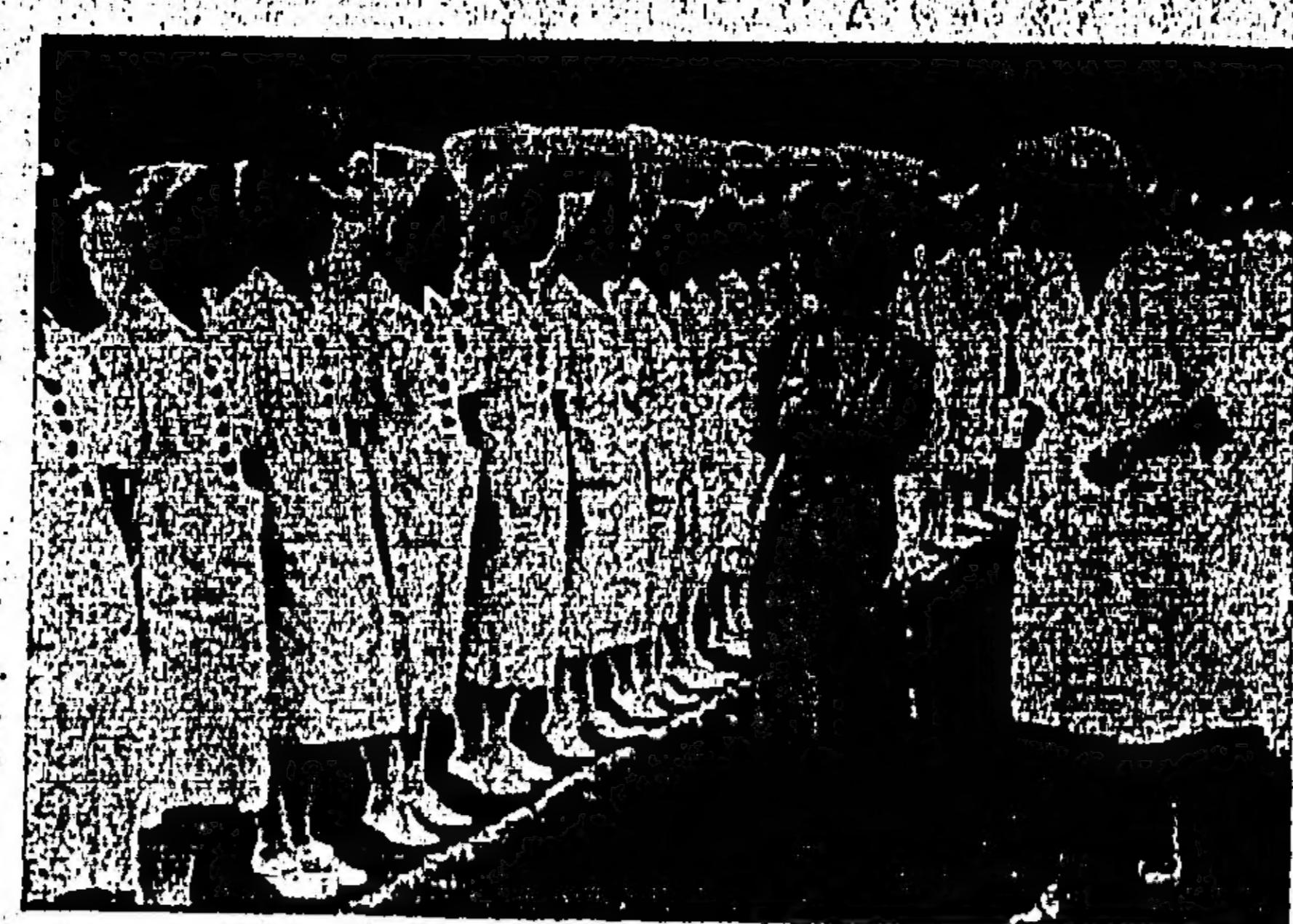
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SJAB INSPECTION—HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, last week inspected the St John Ambulance Brigade at Caroline Hill. Left: His Excellency greeting officers of the Brigade. Above: Lady Grantham inspecting the Nursing Division. (Hongkong Telegraph Photos)



MR Harold Clarence Loong helping his bride, Miss Lillian Leonora Soon, to cut the cake after their wedding at the Chinese Methodist Church last Saturday. (Photo: Golden Studio)



BUGLERS sounding the "Last Post" at Sunday's service and wreath-laying at the Cenotaph in observance of Anzac Day. A feature of the ceremony was the attendance of a Royal Australian Naval detachment from HMAS Quiburon. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

MR James Theodore Reid and his bride, formerly Miss Alice Margaret Dedeo, were married at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Photo: Moi Cheung)

MR B. WYLIE, formerly Managing Director of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., and Mrs Wyllie waving goodbye to friends on their departure for South Africa on Monday. With them is their son-in-law, Mr J. H. S. Duncan. (Photo: S. Y. Wong)



MESSRS L. de Roma (left) and A. F. Paul, of the Hongkong Electric Company, who are leaving the Colony, photographed together at the send-off party given by their colleagues last Saturday. (Photo: Moi Cheung)



A PART of the large gathering that attended the inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Employers' Federation. Mr L. Kadoorie, who presided, is seen above addressing the meeting. (Photo: Golden Studio)



MR Toong Tsu-kwan and Miss Lam Shuk-yin, whose wedding took place recently. (Photo: Golden Studio)

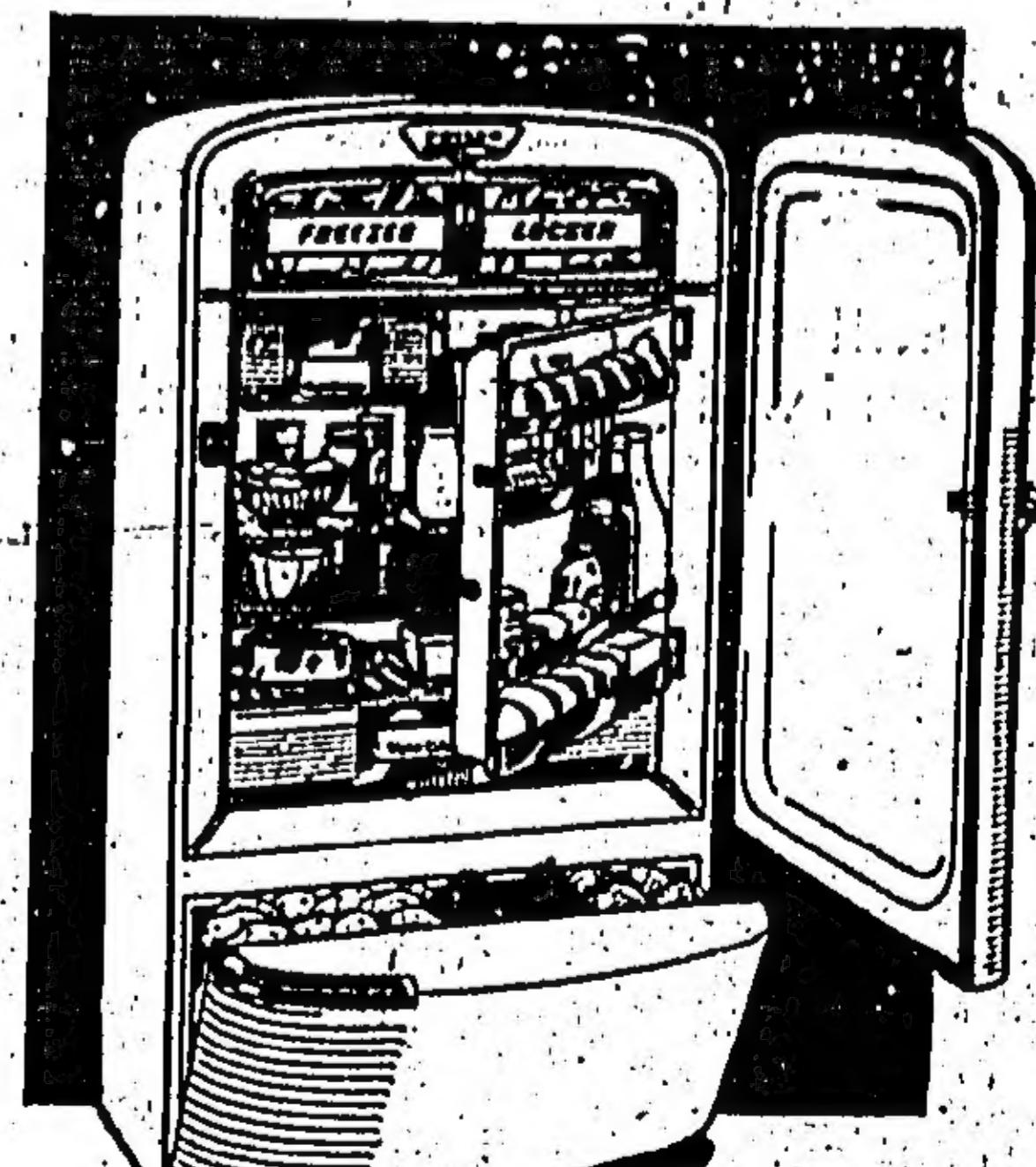


HONGKONG residents who fought in Burma in the late General Wingate's Chindit force photographed at their reunion-dinner last Saturday, held at Volunteer Headquarters. (Photo: Gainsborough)



LT-COL E. J. R. Mitchell, Vice-President of St George's Society, escorting HE the Governor and another guest at the special showing of the film, "While the Sun Shines," on the occasion of St George's Day last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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TIPS ON GOOD GROOMING

By HELEN FOLLETT

MUCH of the success and durability of a permanent wave depends upon the thorough shampoo, which is the basic principle of hair loveliness. The home shampoo is not always what it should be. You are fighting a combination of atmospheric dust and sebaceous oil; it does not give way easily. The shampoo medium must be first class, washing technique perfect.

Start with a brisk brushing followed by a warm water rinsing, with a bath spray. Using a good liquid-conditioning shampoo, do zig-zag rubbing along the hair line, forward, sides and back. Gradually fluff up the suds to the crown of the head. When scrubbing the crown let thumbs and fingers meet, do a vigorously clawing movement.

Warm Water

Instead of turning on the spray to remove the lather, keep pouring a little warm water on the head to weaken the suds. While doing this, keep lifting the hair, strand by strand. Then turn on the spray, using water as hot as can be comfortably endured and rinse thoroughly.

Repeat the lathering, repeat the spraying. If the hair is extremely oily, there should be three soapings

not so well. Anyhow, it is fun to play with, and it boosts morale. Every mouth has characteristics of its own that must be taken into consideration when the lips are tinted. The pattern of the mouth portals usually harmonises with the other features; that is why it is not always safe to try out an unnatural design. If there is a bow line, it may be emphasised slightly.

Start the application in the centre of the lips, work out toward the end. Or, if you wish you can sketch a faint outline, fill in with the lipstick brush, a cute little trick that forces the pigment into the creases, forming smooth, solid application.

Be neat and cunning. See that both sides match perfectly. Hasty lip-tinting can get a top-sided effect.

Beautiful Eyes

If the features are large one can shoot the lipstick, but when the features are small and delicate, one must stay the hand, know when and where to stop. It is well to think on this subject when you haul out the make-up box, prepare to make yourself a new face.

Girls with beautiful eyes make a mistake if they use too vivid colouring on the lips. The beholder looks at the startling application, fails to notice the soul orbs which, after all, form the most interesting feature.

A magnifying mirror is a help when one resorts to complexion

Right, black felt is folded flat into an off-the-face silhouette which is paved over the face with pink roses and buds, and veiled with sheer black. Velvet chin strings.



Nicole de Paris

Hats to Frame a Pretty Face

By PRUNELLA WOOD

NICOLE de Paris can tie a bowknot like no one else who ever created a hat, and when she chooses to use flowers as trimming, the blooms look as if they had grown on the spot with as much ardor and life as if they had their roots in a garden.

Here we have both a ribbon bowknot and a flower trim. Description of the flowered model is printed beside it; the hat with the ribbon bow, just above, is navy clore straw, with a moulded, upswedged brim, against which is sprayed a bowknot of navy and yellow chartreuse ribbons.

Florodora Back On Fifth Avenue

By ARTHUR WEBB

IT is a "new look" spring in America. Opposition to longer skirts and bulbous hips seems to have petered out.

There is no evidence that American women wanted the "new look." They just could not help themselves. No other dress styles are on sale.

Before liquid nail polish became an institution, the girls used a pink powder and a buffer to shine up the finger tip shells. Now we are told by those who know that we had better go on a hunt for discarded toilet tools, find that good old friend and start buffing. Not that the liquid glow is to be abolished. Not at all! You put a drop of cuticle oil or cream on each nail—right over your polish—and buff like everything.

Nail Food

The purpose of this treatment is to speed up the blood streams in underlying tissues. Your nails live on the nourishment they bring. The more good food they have, the less likely the chance that nails will be brittle or that ridges will form. Incidentally, the oil seeps into the surrounding cuticle, keeping it soft, so that the nearest touch of the pusher will keep it detached from the nail fabric.

And here is another interesting item: If you like your nails down far at the sides, they will be likely to break because you are weakening the protective cushions.

Those tiny white spots that sometimes appear on human talons are often caused by pressure at the nail base. It has a deplorable effect upon the matrix, the new nail fabric that is constantly being pushed out in tiny, delicate, overlapping scales.

And an Easter bonnet, with ribbons, made its reappearance. It had

strings under the chin and daisies round the brim.

George R. Sims and George Edwardes would feel quite at home on New York's Fifth Avenue this spring, for it has a Florodora all.

Not all the fashion experts approve of the American "new look" but in the great warehouses of Lower Broadway the Yankee "new look" is being mass-produced and being sent all over the United States at a time when shops are reporting falling-off in sales. The "new look" may set the cash register ringing again.

One outspoken critic, however, says the new dresses have turned women into football players from the waist up and Gay Nineties' characters from the waist down. She prophesies that shoulder pads will go and that women may soon have natural shoulders again.

Unfortunately she has no predictions as to the fate of artificial bosoms—"falsies" to the New York society columnists. There is no mystery about these feminine adjuncts. Every store advertisement shows how a girl can be a Lana Turner for a dollar or two.

But the "new look" has created a number of problems. The furriers were not let into the secret and few fur coats were designed to go with longer dresses.

It has caused consternation even among Girl Guides for whom new uniforms—with below-the-knee skirts are being hastily designed.

Boudoir Beauty



Lingerie for a hope chest.

By VERA WINSTON

A GEM FOR the bridal lingerie chest is this lovely ensemble of gown and negligee, a real boudoir beauty. It is of oyster white double-sheer. The negligee has a lace-edged capote, below the dropped shoulder line, that dips to a point in back. Lace outlines the hip yoke and forms a border from neck to hem. The gown has a simple lace-edged round neck and is fitted with a flared skirt.

Ruth spends a sunny afternoon pre-viewing the Newest Look in summer frocks

BUYERS have been watching London's latest display of new length cotton frocks. Backing a hunch that cotton dresses will continue to be the fastest selling item on the fashion floors, they are buying heavily now for sale in May and June.

Horrocks Crowsdon (where these shows were held) predict a boom in cotton frocks unequalled since 1938. Three main reasons: (1) Most women's summer wardrobes are badly stocked. (2) Cotton has gone up in the world. It used to be considered suitable only for seaside or country, now it is worn even in smartest town restaurants. (3) The immense improvement in patterns and design of latest cotton dresses.



Square buttoned yoke matches button-up pockets.



Off-shoulder bodice with drawstring neckline.



Button-through dress has plain centre.



Frock bodice with gathered skirt and white collar and cuffs in skirt.

Jerkin top; skirt gathered on at hip level;

White collar and cuffs in skirt;

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EX-KING'S EYE VIEW—Former King Michael of Rumania (right) watches a worker operating a press at the Ford press steel plant near Detroit.



SPRING CLEANING UNDER WATER—Lifeguards Mary Thomas and Hazel Day do their spring cleaning chores below the surface of Florida's famed Silver Springs. Picture was made from a "photo-sub" boat.



CORSAGE FOR CAPITOL
—A sailor and a girl walk hand in hand across a lawn as the Capitol in Washington wears its annual spring corsage of cherry blossoms.



EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS—A sun worshipper at New York's Coney Island tries to beat the summer season by reflecting the sun's feeble rays on his face with mirrors. The day was cold enough for the blankets to feel comfortable.

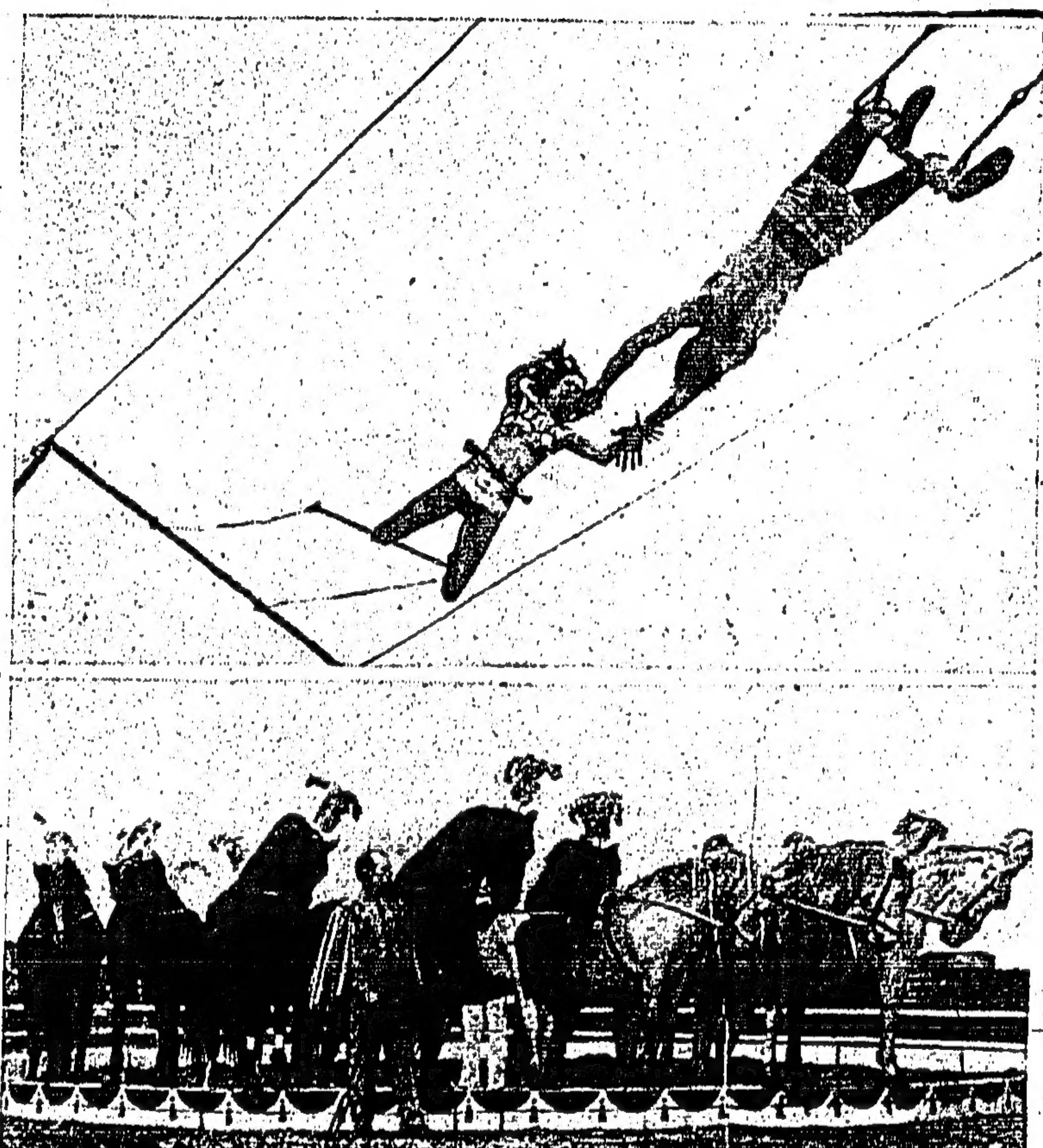


BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—Bushman, 550-pound gorilla, prepares to enjoy his cake on his 21st birthday at Chicago's Lincoln Park zoo. The cake of bread dough, fruit and vegetables is decorated with carrots and celery.



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CHAPLAINS HONOURED—This is a replica of a new stamp to be placed on sale in America on May 28 to honour four chaplains ordained in the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths who went down with arms linked when the transport, Dorchester, was sunk in the North Atlantic in 1943.



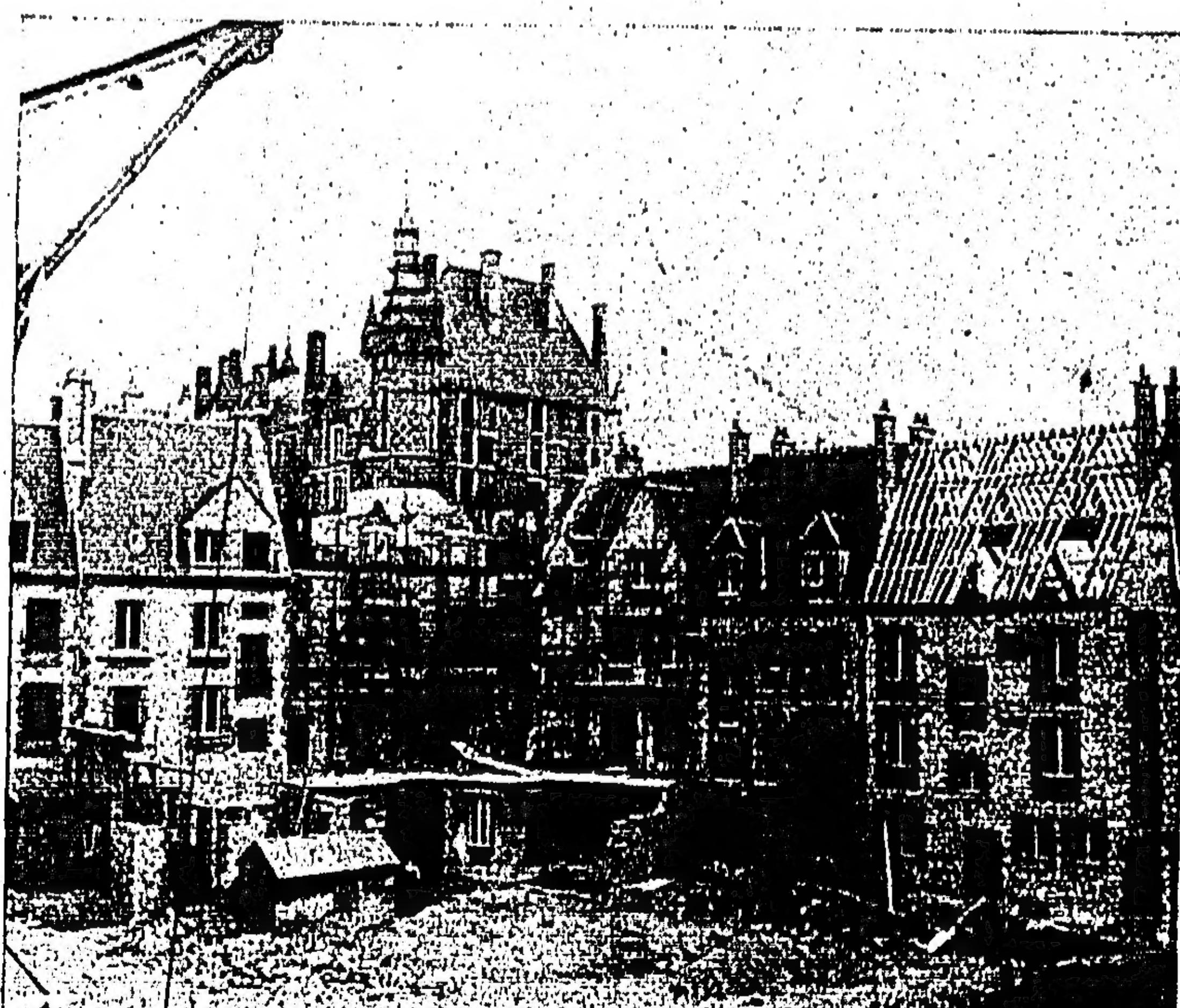
CIRCUS TIME IN TEXAS—Performers in the Gainesville (Texas) Community Circus go through their acts in preparation for starting their annual tour. Top: Evelyn Knaps, 15, soars towards the waiting arms of Paul McGhee, who is the only paid circus hand in the show. All the others are ordinary residents of the town. Bottom: Verne Brewer, a rancher, puts eight horses through their paces.

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FRANCE REBUILDS A WARTORN TOWN—Workmen have nearly finished the first group of new homes in the war-wrecked town of Gien, France. The government-sponsored project called for use of materials at hand. The architectural style was copied from the castle in the background, which dominates the town.

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EMPERESS WAS A LADY BUT A MAN-KILLER

EMPERESS was a lady, but she was a man-killer, the wildest and most deadly elephant that ever travelled with the old-time wagon circuses. But then she met Fatty O'Shay, a rotund, red-haired Irishman, and she became so enamoured of him that she was as putty in his hands.

Seven men this lethal, fast-striking Amazon of the sawdust ring had killed. A lightning blow of her trunk, a swift, fatal turn and kneeling upon a felled man, a deliberate flattening against inner walls of railway cars, or the perfectly timed crushing with her head against an animal wagon as it passed had accounted for men whom she did not like.

Emperess landed at a New Orleans dock from Ceylon in 1889, a huge, 6-ton Indian native. Her 12 feet and four inches of height made her an imposing sight, and at times a frightening one. Her all-seeing, highly intelligent eyes could glint as maliciously as a cobra's.

The Harris shows were the first to exhibit her. She was a born actress, and fully as tempestuous as her human counterparts. She did 15 different tricks in the seven minutes she was in the ring, if willing.



She started out to find the only man she ever loved, Fatty O'Shay.

But she would never go counter to anything O'Shay did or ordered. She loved him as much as she hated all of her other keepers. She was such a problem that O'Shay had to be with her at all performances and feeding times, and it was the custom to lease her out to large wagon circuses by her owner, George Hall of Evansville, Wisconsin, and O'Shay had to go with her. At that time, true to wagon circus custom, the elephants, horses, and whatever else could walk, were led from one town to another, the wagons accompanying, and Fatty would lead Emperess.

At the entrance to the circus grounds stood a refreshment tent. Out came the other chains and straight into the tent she charged, just as elephants always never when they go on a sudden rampage. There was a crash, counter boards flew about, pop, lemonade by the bucketful, sandwiches, glasses rained around. What the wind hadn't been able to do the elephant did.

The last of the circus convoy was just entering the main street on its way out of town and the horse drawing the popcorn vendor's wagon snorted, shied, and broke for the sidewalk. Just as Emperess sidesmacked the wagon, breaking it the 1-horse shay that fell apart all at once.

It would have been humorous, had it not been so deadly, for Emperess was a killer. Anyone getting in her path or too near that pile-driver trunk would be mashed ruthlessly, malevolently.

THE tumult awakened everyone who had been asleep. I had gone to my room in the hotel only a short time before and O'Shay lay ill in the room directly across the hall. Emperess came abreast the hotel. One jerk of her trunk and a heavy pillar supporting one end of the balcony ripped loose. I do not know what would have happened after that had not O'Shay run out on the upper porch.

"MAMMIE!" he shouted. That was his pet name for her.

"Mamie!" bellowed. And when a "bull" bellowed, it is a signal of surrender (bull being either lady or gentleman elephant in the circus lingo). Meekly she rubbed her head and trunk against him when he came down, shoving the wooden porch pillar away with a foot as nonchalantly as if it had ever been ripped loose. She was all right now.

Next day she was still as contented and amiable as a kitten. I had reason to know because then I pulled a stunt that had everybody but "Emp" in jitters.

Emperess had been staked out, as always, all four feet. Without O'Shay she became restless, irritated. A swig of her trunk nearly got a passing water carrier. A shrewd, capable animal, Frenchie, was placed over her, but her disdain was as apparent as her feelings were. That night the cage train pulled out, but Emperess was left staked down.

THE TRUE STORY OF A CIRCUS ELEPHANT

By JOE BEASLEY

who, for more than 50 years, performed in various circuses and outdoor shows. His circus name was Dobell

More restless now, she started swinging that great head from side to side, lifting one foot, tentatively then another. She paid no more attention to Frenchie's threats or his bullock than to a mosquito.

Then up came one hind foot. Out came a stake. Up came the other rear leg, and up came that stake. Lunging upward on her hind legs Emperess actually jerked the two front stakes out at once. She gave a trumpeting bellow and started out to find the only man she had ever loved, Fatty O'Shay. And she was fighting deadly mad.

THE chains and stakes cut down her speed for a while. Frenchie ran ahead of her, vainly digging in his hook. One of the chains slipped over her foot, whizzing by his hook. Another clanked against a wagon as she kicked. Frenchie had only one thought now, to let people in the village know that six tons of

The morning parade had just returned from its trip through the town and the crowd was coming in.

The announcer stood on the ticket wagon. He pointed to the rope that ran from the ground, up over an "A" frame and on to the top of the centre pole of the menagerie tent. "And now, Ladies an' Gentlemen, for our free performance!"

He will introduce to you the youngest and most darling of all high wire performers! Watch him! He is but 14 years of age!"

He was wrong. I, who had run away from home to be a circus performer, was 16, but young at that.

The band started playing "Over the Waves," and I tripped out to the ladder with all of my 105 pounds wrapped up in a set of bespangled purple tights.

I CLIMBED the ladder, made my bow and started up the upward-angling rope. It had rained while the parade was in town, and the rope was wet and slippery, besides being pitched steeply. I reached the upward end, and turned to retrace. I started to slip.

My heel hit the edge of a guy wire, and over I went. Wildly I grabbed for the rope, but my hand missed. Yet I did manage to catch it under my arm pit. But I couldn't hang on, and so I went right on down, right through the circus tent.

My pale thought I was a goon as they rushed in, but I fooled 'em. I landed on top of the lion cage, and then rolled off onto a stack of hay, provender for Empress and a sacred cow. I rolled over, into a sitting position, looked up. Standing almost over me was the man-killer elephant, but although everyone else was excited she never turned a muscle, going on placidly eating peanuts and hay.

She was not always that placid. Two years later O'Shay gave up and another animal man took a chance as her keeper. One rainy night he was loading Emp into a car. Like all elephants Emp liked lemonade. She spied a tub full on a vendor's stand nearby, and it was but a step out of her way. Into the tub went her trunk. A long draw and the tub was about empty. Her keeper used the hook with all his strength, just as she started to drink. He was belted, stomped and crushed before the astonished vendor looking on could rise.

That same night she reached out and caught one of the helpers trying to subdue her and crushed him to death while the others fought her with forks, pike poles and hooks.

Empress was strangled to death. Two locomotives, pulling oppositely, tightened chains around her neck until she was dead. I've always imagined her last thought was of O'Shay. He loved her. She loved him.

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YOUNG IDEAS

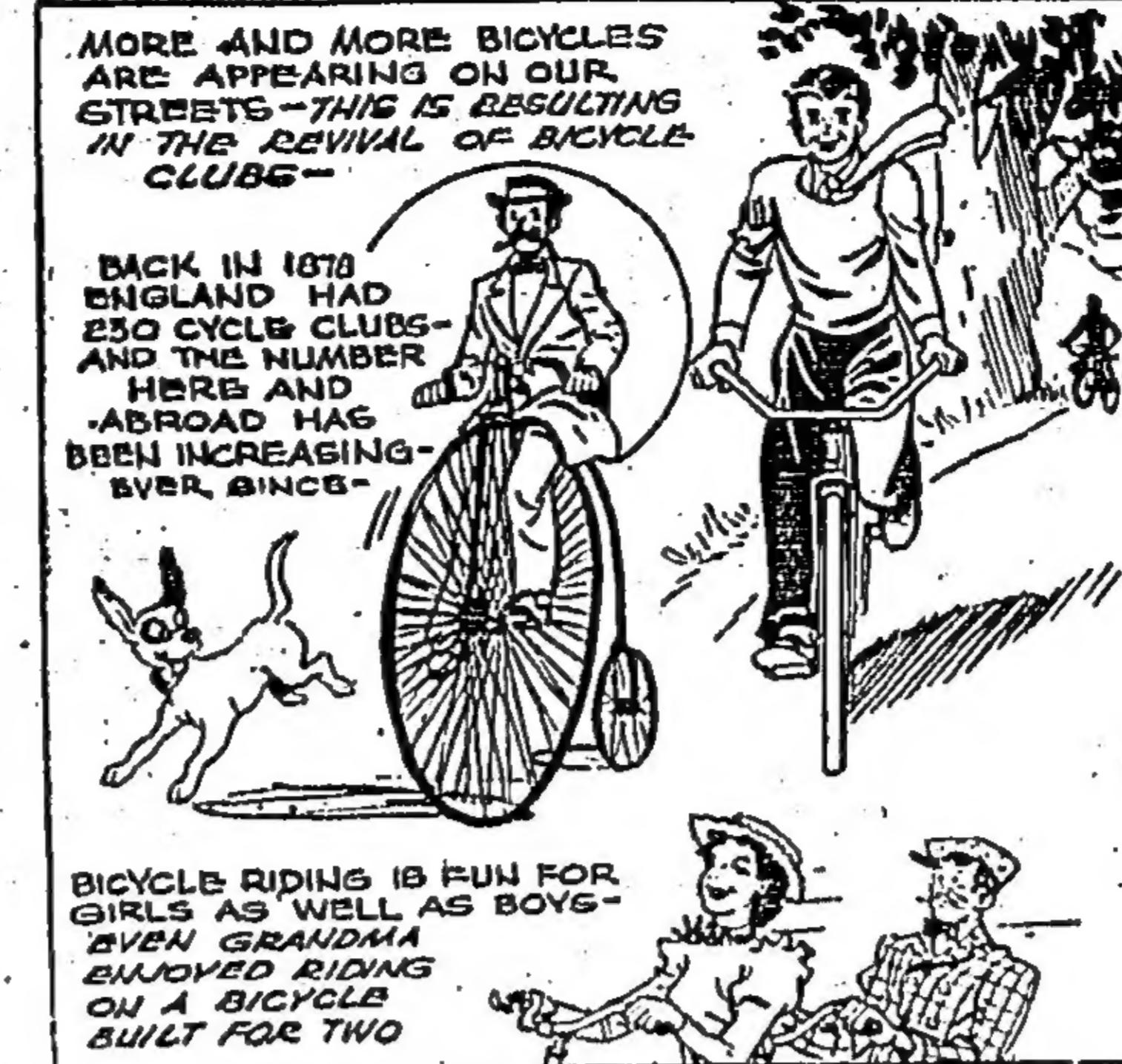
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GARDEN markers are fun to make for the spading season. From the store you can purchase a coping saw with an extra blade. Light wood of one-eighth inch thickness is needed. Your hobby store should have that. To make the design itself, use graphs or try a free-hand sketch. After the figure is cut out, sandpaper all the edges and apply paint. Allow 48 hours for the paint to dry and then varnish. Sticks can be purchased at any hardware store or you can make your own, notching one end for the figure to clamp on and pointing the other end so it will pierce the ground.

Lawn hockey is a lively game. Goals are 14 inches wide and are set 30 feet apart. A regulation hockey stick is used. The puck is a hard rubber ball. Wrist playing only is permitted and that means no smash whacks from the muscle bulges.

Puffs are puff-letly stunning for young hairdos. You brush the hair forward, frizz the ends a smidgen with your comb, then roll the ends of the hair under and pin. Puffs can be worn, one over each ear, at the nape of the neck or the crown of the head. Try them for new ton-sorial effects.

Squires should learn while they are young to take the proper care of their hair. Baldness, according to the barbers, is occurring too frequently, and in too many young men. Brush up from the scalp a good two minutes, every night. Finish with a brisk finger massage, picking up the scalp as you move your fingers in circles. You can do the job while you wait for the tub to fill.



MORE AND MORE BICYCLES ARE APPEARING ON OUR STREETS—THIS IS RESULTING IN THE REVIVAL OF BICYCLE CLUBS

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BICYCLE RIDING IS FUN FOR GIRLS AS WELL AS BOYS—EVEN GRANDMA ENJOYED RIDING ON A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO

Bicycle Clubs Help To Cut Down Accidents

By I. R. HEGEL

BICYCLES are trebling in number on country roads and city streets. But the accident toll is high.

To curb this mounting accident figure, California teenagers run a Saturday morning court in Berkeley, where young cyclist offenders who ignore traffic rules are fined or given a sentence so that they'll be careful next time.

Neighborhood courts in other cities have accomplished some discipline but, lacking police or school supervision, these courts are too quickly disbanded when the usual arguments arise.

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The clubs are nothing new. Back in 1878 England had 230 cycle clubs,

and the number has been increasing in Europe and North America ever since.

For bicycle travelling, youth hostels are spreading in many countries, providing seasonal week-ends at a minimum expense.

Cyclists who do not want to tackle anything as ambitious as a hotel trip can still make an afternoon trip to parks or scenic spots.

Interest in bicycle clubs can be kept up by courses in bicycle repair where adjustments, oiling and cleaning are learned. Repair courses may be interspersed by an occasional safety talk from member of the Police Department. Other clubs are willing co-operators in engaging a speaker who has cycled abroad.

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As an off-season suggestion, tack a few road maps on the clubroom wall and start the members planning for future adventures.

Ting-a-Ling Tells a Story

—It Was About a Man Who Made a Wish—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting with Ting-a-Ling in his garden at the bottom of the Blue China Plate. They were having tea and bread-and-butter when a sparrow came along and lit on the grass in front of them. They all threw the sparrow some bread crumbs. It ate them, chirped a cheerful thank-you, thank-you, then flew off.

"Everyone should feed the birds, and no one should harm them," Ting-a-Ling said. "For birds are like happy children, singing and playing the whole day long. If a good fairy should come along at this moment and ask me to make a wish, I should wish to be a bird."

Knarf and Hand looked up quickly. But no good fairy came along. Ting-a-Ling laughed. "That reminds me of a story," he said. "Shall I tell it to you?"

Made A Wish

The two shadows said they would very much like to hear it. So Ting-a-Ling, after taking another sip of tea and another bite of his bread-and-butter, began as follows:

"Once upon a time, my dears, many long years ago, a good fairy came to a man and asked him to make a wish. I will change you into anything you want me to," said the fairy. So the man thought quickly and said: "Change me into a lion." For the lion is the king of the forest, and strong and much feared by all the other beasts."

"So," said Ting-a-Ling, "the good fairy waved her wand, and the next instant the man found himself changed into a mighty lion in the middle of the forest. But he was not very happy."

"He wasn't? Why not?" Knarf asked.

"Because," he said, "he was so feared by all the other beasts that the moment he appeared, they all ran away. He had to be one in the wild forest to talk to or be friends with—and not even with the other lions, who feared him, too. Then he called to the good fairy again and begged her to change him into something else."

"Change me into a rabbit," he said.

"The rabbit is small, and harms no one, and no one fears him," he said.

So the good fairy waved her wand again,

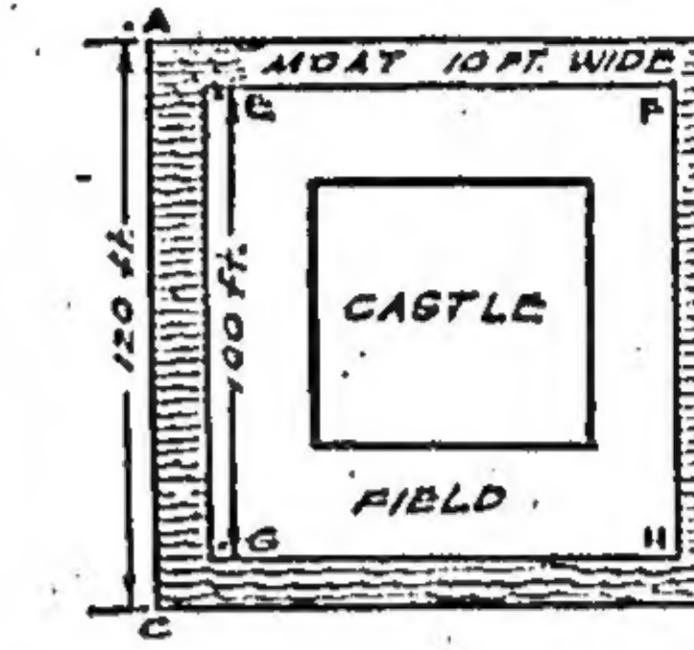
The Knight Rescues The Maiden

By PAUL SHAWVER

WHEN knights were bold, a beautiful princess was kidnapped by an ogre and carried away to his castle. King Arthur called all his knights to assemble at the Round Table and appointed Sir Brasshead to rescue the gal.

Sir Brasshead rode many days, following the trail of the ogre, and at last reached the castle where the princess was held prisoner. But the castle was surrounded by a moat and the drawbridge was up, so the knight couldn't get into the castle.

The castle was in the centre of a field 100 feet square. The 10-foot moat was filled with savage crocodiles, imported by the ogre.



ACROSS

1. Zeal.	2. Doctor's assistant.	3. Lens.	4. Small island.	5. Wide-mouthed jar.	6. Flower part.	7. Army order (abbrev.).	8. Courtesy title.	9. European country.	10. Encountered.	11. Canvas shelter.	12. Peel.	13. Satisfied.	14. Rugged mountain crest.
15. Tantalum (abbrev.).	16. Handle.	17. Mandrake.	18. Hand.	19. Man's nature.	20. Canvas shelter.	21. Peel.	22. Satisfied.	23. Tellurium (abbrev.).	24. Rugged mountain crest.	25. Tardigrade.	26. Puff up.	27. Metal fastener.	28. Gentleman.
29. Castle.	30. Field.	31. Castle.	32. Field.	33. Castle.	34. Field.	35. Castle.	36. Field.	37. Castle.	38. Field.	39. Castle.	40. Field.	41. Castle.	42. Field.
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DOWN

1. Girl's name.	2. Groove.	3. Doctor (abbrev.).	4. Willow.	5. Pulse.	6. Cook in an oven.	7.
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DAD AND FLOUNDER

by Whiter



HOW TO LIVE TO BE 100

OLD age is rarely fatal, for few live to die of it. In 16,000 autopsies a Berlin surgeon found only one case of death from old age. A Michigan pathologist, after 38 years of practice, had encountered no more than 25 instances.

Working during 20 years for the old people of Basle, a city where intelligent and humane provision is made for the aged, Dr. A. L. Vischer has acquired a deep insight into their problems. It is not necessary to be a centenarian to find his book, *Old Age* (Allen and Unwin, 12s. 6d.), of absorbing interest.

Some people are centenarians; more people are liars. The frequency of centenarians is in inverse ratio to the efficiency of the local system of birth registration.

In Scotland, out of 301 claimants, only 155 were found genuine — 18 men and 137 women. In Bulgaria, famed for yoghurt and old age, 1766 claimed centuries in 1926. Only 51 survived investigation — 13 men and 38 women.

If old age is your aim, it is obviously important to be born a woman. You should also choose your ancestors, with care, for longevity is inherited.

You should be thin and sparing in diet. Goldoni said that Corrado, who died at 99 had lived all his life as an invalid in order to die in good health! Obesity coupled with heavy drinking is the best way to avoid old age.

BOOKS by George Malcolm Thomson

Dr. Vischer thinks that 100 years is, roughly, the extreme span of human life. It is one which an increasing proportion of mankind may hope to reach. Indeed, Irving Fisher, the Yale economist, thinks that by hygiene, eugenics and decisive new discoveries in prophylactics, "the century limit is a bugbear which can be, and one day will be, thrust aside." He puts the possible limit of human life at 150 or even 200 years.

So far, although the average duration of life is considerably longer than it was a century ago, the improvement has occurred almost entirely in the years of childhood.

In 1840 a man of 50 could expect to live another 20 years; in 1920 he could hope for 21. All the

wonders of science have added only one year to the mature suggests that, if medical research were directed towards the problem of the ageing human organism, remarkable results might be achieved.

Experiments by the Frenchman, Carrel, demonstrating that living tissue

can be kept alive indefinitely, have given a deeper knowledge of what the process of ageing really is: an accumulation of poisons in the bodily fluids.

EVERYBODY hopes to live long, but nobody looks forward to old age. Dr. Vischer thinks that it has many advantages. For example, mental power, although slower, is

ANYONE'S NIGHTMARE

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NEWS SHORTS: CIGAR IN THE SNOWS

Ottawa.—An autographed portrait of Winston Churchill is to hang in rail transport. The conference

discussed the delays in the provision of electric power in country centres and deficient railway services, and passed resolutions urging improvement. Councillor Mrs. Weeks is a grandmother.

Darwin, South Africa.—A six-foot crocodile, which was captured by a fisherman at Fanny Bay, slid off a motor truck in Darwin street and caused a wild scatter among pedestrians in the main shopping centre as it crawled along the footpath. The fisherman, aided by an expert, quickly recaptured it.

RESEARCH

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DOCTORS ARE already using the device to study viruses—the previously invisible organisms causing infantile paralysis, smallpox and possibly some forms of cancer. They hope to find weak spots in the viruses that can be attacked and against them can be developed.

There is an even more exciting possibility. Viruses behave sometimes as living organisms sometimes as inert chemicals. By studying them, the scientists may be able to discover what the life force really is.

TALKING TO HIMSELF

New York.—Law and Radford—Constables are going to mumble on their badges of authority on their breasts. Under the badge will be the microphone of a midget Walkie-talkie radio for reporting crime or receiving an order to halt one.

COAL MINERESSES

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—John van Guilder

THE SUPER-MICROSCOPE GOES ON VIEW . . . It gets

nearer to answering that old riddle: 'What is life?'



by CHAPMAN PINCHER

"BY INVITATION ONLY" scores of Britain's boffins — from little ones to the very top boffins — streamed into South Kensington recently. They went to see what other research men had been up to — as shown at the Physical Society's exhibition at the Imperial College of Science. Top crowd-gatherer was a microscope capable of magnifying objects up to 100,000 times. Today non-boffins can learn about the exhibit they were not invited to see.

DOCTORS ARE already using the device to study viruses—the previously invisible organisms causing infantile paralysis, smallpox and possibly some forms of cancer. They hope to find weak spots in the viruses that can be attacked and against them can be developed.

There is an even more exciting possibility. Viruses behave sometimes as living organisms sometimes as inert chemicals.

By studying them, the

scientists may be able to discover what the life force really is.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Here's a picture to be treasured by any family—an informal, natural snapshot of one girl's proudest moment.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

ACCORDING to Webster the words "graduation" and "commencement" mean the same—at least as they apply to education and receiving a degree. Despite Webster, however, most speakers prefer the latter term. They prefer to look on the ceremony of awarding degrees as one which marks a beginning and not an end.

But although there may be room for dispute about the proper word to describe such ceremonies, no one disputes the fact that graduations, or commencements, call for snapshots.

It's an unusual family album that doesn't contain a shot of Ann, dressed for her high school graduation, or Bill in his mortar board and gown ready to receive his diploma.

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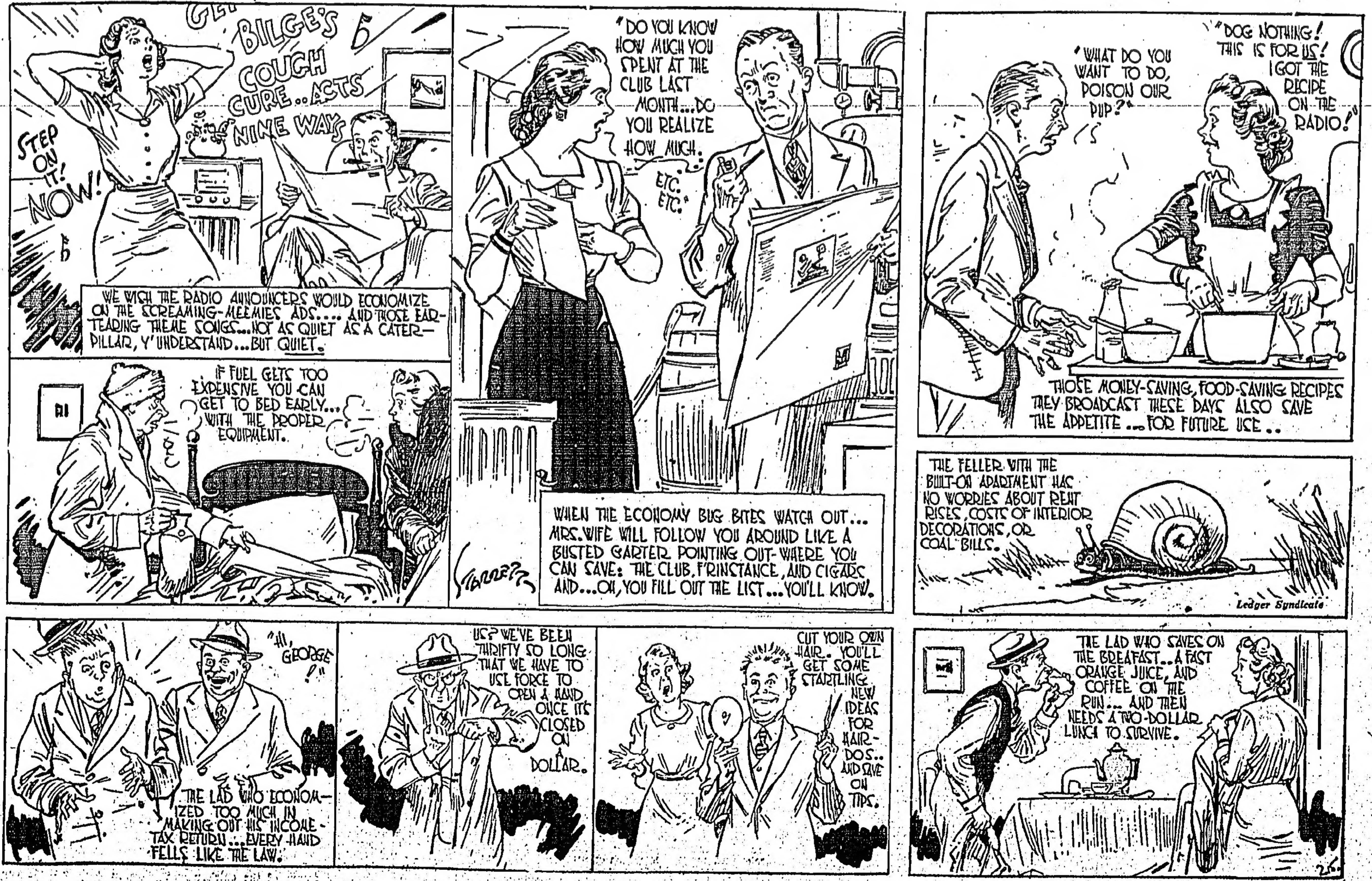
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"More Economy Notes"

By KEMP STARRETT



IN THE HOME

- Informative
- Entertaining
- Exclusive

PLASTICS DRAW ATTENTION

BY PAUL REILLY

THOUGH rather fewer of Britain's plastic firms will be exhibiting at the British Industries Fair, which is being held from May 3 until May 14 in London and Birmingham, the total floor space occupied by the plastics exhibits will be greater than in 1947. This shows a healthy state of affairs in a still relatively young industry.

Attention this year will probably still be directed to the more utilitarian and industrial applications of plastics, though there will be a good showing of novelties, toys, and lighter consumer merchandise. Still, it is in industry and in the basic trades like building and furnishing that plastics will find their most rewarding outlet.

The building trade, for instance, is being well served today by Britain's plastics industry; applications range from semi-structural boards to bathroom fittings. Among the former are various waste product boards for paneling, partitioning and wall lining, made from sawdust and synthetic resins. These are relatively cheap products and are as interesting today for their price.

LAMINATED BOARDS

Rather higher priced, but still thoroughly economical propositions, are the many laminated boards made from resin-impregnated paper, compressed into hard wearing, stable sheets of varying thickness. These high pressure laminates will be shown by several companies and will, through their colour and decorative finishes, certainly attract attention.

The aircraft industry has been responsible for furthering the application of one particular plastic material in the household and building equipment market. The need for light-weight toilet fittings led the British Overseas Airways Corporation to methyl methacrylate (better known as "Perspex") for basins and lavatories.

Acrylic sheets are quite easily formed to take the radii of basins, pans and sinks and this material has the added advantage of being highly shock resistant. This property, coupled with its colour range, led to the adoption of acrylic for sinks and basins in the brewery trade.

PERSPEX AT HOME

Though this application has not yet reached the domestic market on any large scale, it is expected that the housewife will appreciate the acrylic sink for its slightly resilient surface, which saves the crockery from chipping.

Other domestic applications of Perspex to be shown at the Fair will include cups and saucers (made in opal acrylic, which closely resembles fine bone china), bathroom fittings, self-service cafeterias, trays, sundae dishes and so on. But tough and shatter-resistant as

is this Perspex, there is a newer plastic now coming into the consumer field which can quite truly be called unbreakable.

This plastic, polyethylene, was developed during the war by Imperial Chemical Industries and found its early application mainly in the electrical and electronic fields. Its superlative insulation properties and its resistance to all forms of corrosion led to its wide use in marine and coaxial cables.

Production of polyethylene is now increasing and various minor consumer applications will be shown at the Fair. For instance, an unbreakable tooth mug can now be injection moulded in polyethylene in a range of several colours. In creped sheet form this same plastic makes excellent washable lampshade material. In thinner sheets it is a promising material for food packaging.

MOULDED TOYS

Until recently cellulose acetate has been the material most commonly used for injection moulding of toys. Now polystyrene is taking over some of these applications, particularly in doll's house furniture. Polystyrene, with its bright colours and a gay surface sparkle, makes excellent washable lampshade material. In thinner sheets it is a promising material for food packaging.

Also in the toy field are injection moulded polyvinyl chloride and polyethylene. The former, in its plasticized grades, has the elastic properties of rubber and, therefore, almost as unbreakable as polyethylene. The latter is now being used for toy soldiers.

The plastics most commonly used for dolls have until recently been either blown cellulose nitrate or cellulose acetate. Recently polyvinyl chloride soft-skinned dolls have appeared on the British market with some success.

VARIETY OF ARTICLES

In its sheet form polyvinyl chloride will be shown in articles ranging from curtains to sponge bags and from mackintoshes to stuffed toy animals. This material has not always come up to public expectations on account of faulty plasticizing and the fact that much of it has had to be produced on equipment originally made for the rubber industry.

The most interesting development from the technical point of view in plastics for furnishing will be the first showing in Britain of woven plastic yarn (nylon always excepted). This woven material called Tyran, is made from an extruded plastic monofilament. The finished cloth will be a keen competitor for all forms of public transport upholstery and heavier curtaining.

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CLEANING THE HOUSE MADE EASY

By ELEANOR ROSS

EVERY year, a chorus of "never again" goes up after the annual spring cleaning frenzy, as exhausted housewives take stock of the job they have done. But with so many of us, next year it is the same story all over again.

Nowadays, wise women are learning the value of keeping each room up to snuff right through the winter, so that beyond the usual freshening up, changing slip covers and such, there is really little extra work to be done. These smart housewives have discovered that the secret is to make all possible use of the vacuum cleaner and attachments.

Too many women think of this valuable cleaning tool as a suction gadget for cleaning rugs, whereas it is ready, able and willing to clean the whole house. By using the brush attachment and cleaning the walls, when each room is turned out every week, loose dirt never gets a chance to adhere and there is no need for one of the worst spring cleaning chores, that of washing walls.

To keep glass clean, apply a solution of water and ammonia or commercial window pane cleaner with vacuum cleaner spray at the same time. Dry glass with soft cloth.

Clean Furniture

Upholstered furniture wears out as much from soil as from any other cause. A shampoo to spotless places the day you clean the living-room will save a big job later on. Vacuum the upholstered piece thoroughly, then get to work. A good soap lily shampoo is easily prepared. Mix a cup of mild soap flakes or powder, five cups of boiling water and a tablespoon of ammonia. Let stand until soap has dissolved and mixture is a jelly. Then put a cup of the jelly in a bowl and beat until it looks like a heavy meringue.

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BRINGING UP CHILDREN:

A GOOD WAY TO LEARN READING

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

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SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Famous 'Duke Of Cumberland' Hand

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By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
ONCE again I want to present to you the ever famous bridge hand known as the Duke of Cumberland.

Now glance at the South cards in this hand. Although it may look like the biggest hand in the world, where are the tricks you are going to make with it?

As the story goes, the hand was stacked and a fortune lost on it. Of course it dates back to the early days of whist, and while I have shown some bidding here, you might bid it differently. However, I do not think you could help yourself much in the play. It is more fun to have East the declarer at seven spades, which South certainly cannot be bluffed for doubling.

The opening lead of the king of hearts is trumped in dummy with the six of spades, and a small diamond is trumped by declarer with the spade deuce. That drops South's king. A small spade is led and the ten-spot finessed, then the five of diamonds is trumped with the four of spades, South's ace dropping.

All declarer has to do now is lead the five spades, fluster the queen, lead the ace to pick up South's king, then run all of the good diamonds. Thus he takes 13 tricks against the biggest hand in the world.

NEW RECORDS

LONDON-BORN David Rose and his Orchestra play his own "Holiday for Strings" and "Lauri" with a brilliant lushness. (M.G.M. 103).

If you are interested in choral work you should hear The Kirkintilloch Junior Choir singing "By Cool Silken Shady Rill," and "There Is A Green Hill Far Away." The pure tone of this choir of young voices is a joy. (Parlophone R. 3087).

That million record seller Jose Iturbi, back in England, plays two of Granados' Twelve "Danzas Espanolas" (Nos. 5 and 10) in a way that makes one hope he will record the other ten dances. (H.M.V. DB. 6573).

ROBERT TREDDINICK

WEEK-END QUIZ

1. What opera was composed to celebrate the building of the Suez Canal?

2. What have these dates in common: 1714, 1727, 1760, 1820, 1910, 1936?

3. What are (a) dragon's head, (b) dragon's left eye, (c) dragon's mouth?

4. To what collection of animals do these terms refer: (a) gagle, (b) farrow, (c) fry, (d) kintle?

5. What are (a) a philatelist, (b) a philipple, (c) a philologist, (d) Philomel, (e) philomathy?

6. What is the origin of the expression "The devil to pay"?

7. Two children have buckets of the same size. One fills up with wet sand, the other with dry sand. Which bucket will be heavier?

8. Which modern British painters are noted for painting (a) horses, (b) gypsies, (c) character portraits?

9. "Rhapsody in Blue" was composed by (a) Mozart, (b) Lehar, (c) Henry Hall, (d) George Gershwin, (e) Irving Berlin.

10. What percentage of salt is in (a) three percent sea water, (b) the Dead Sea?

11. What did Pythagoras do with dots?

12. Magneswark is a (a) Siberian electrical works, (b) steel city, (c) Polish inventor.

(Answers on Page 14)

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

SOMEONE has suggested thought, "that herring-drifters should be provided with vacuum-cleaners to suck in the Buny's heart. I wonder her father does not horse-whip you in fish, instead of with nets."

Another way would be to send divers with brushes and pons, to sweep up the fish. Yet another way would be to decoy them with false nets, and then knock them on the head with a mullet. And the last way of all, to end the whole thing, would be to dress up a man as a herring and send him among them.

Medicine

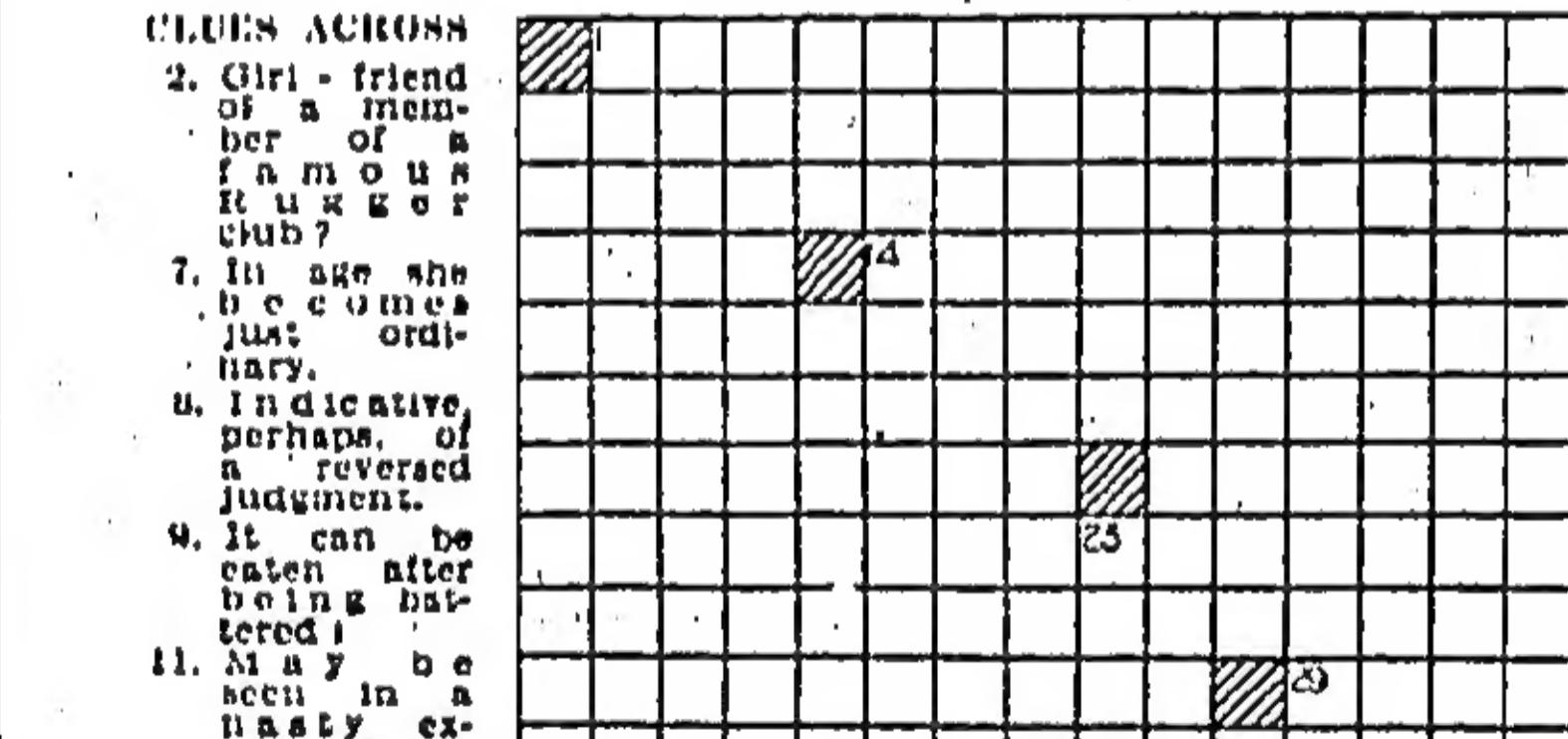
The doctors who don't want to become civil servants are being accused of nothing more offensive than "sabotage." Soon we shall be told that they are a "Fifth Column," that they are traitors, deserters, filthy Fascists, and so on. And as soon as they got to know him and began to trust him, he would blow them over backwards with a huge blower and then whistle up for the nets.

Egham on the mat

EGHAM stood like a small boy who has been caught stealing jam. Mrs. Kigwidg, sometime terror of the hockey field, tapped the size of a bottle-pole, "Who is this creature?" she bawled. "A friend," said Egham, in a small voice. "Do you climb drainpipes at night under the windows of an official? This official will then emprise your lady friends?" she asked with power one of the doctors temporarily Rasping screech. "No," said Egham, and added in nervous idly, with the ease, under supervision by "Not all of them." "I had not a local controller.

Skeleton Crossword

The black squares and the numbers to be filled in the solvers of this crossword. Four black squares and four white squares in the middle line and the three corresponding ones must be black ones. Similarly, there being 12 black squares, the third square from the left in the top line must be blacked in. Except in phrases, words of more than three letters are not used.



CLUES ACROSS
2. Girl friend of a famous actor
7. In age she becomes last ordinary
14. Indicative, perhaps, of a lowered judgment
15. It can be eaten after being boiled
16. May be seen in a hall in a hall of expression in someone's eyes
17. Can up to back the animal
18. A perfumed phrase? Party, at any rate
19. The end part of a pipe
20. Heavenly twins (three words)
21. Away with you and finish you
22. She shows keen resentment in opposite directions, the fash
23. Head over shoulders in a speech
24. Goblets, however, hardly agree that it's splendid
25. It takes years to finish the work
26. Hole in a net?
27. Some water with the Scotch is
28. Fierce speech of King Cole's consort?

CLUES DOWN
1. A provisional tariff, shall we say?
2. Aw--that's such a boring job
3. No back talk--get to work
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RESTRICTION ON JAP INDUSTRY

Washington, Apr. 30.—A minimum restriction on the Japanese manufacturing industry, compatible with security, is advocated in a report issued today by Dr. Edward Ackerman, who was a special consultant attached to the Natural Resources Section of General MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan.

He advocated Allied action, "not indulgent but understanding," to strengthen Japan's economy and raise her living standards.

In a series of recommendations, Dr. Ackerman said Japan should be granted reasonable access to foreign markets for manufactured goods, and effective technical assistance should be available.

He said that the reparations programme should not apply pressure to Japanese food resources, forests or metal mining industry, and should not draw heavily on current production which demands metals, woods and fibres in quantity.

"Only by a remedial action to improve the economic situation can we hope that the democratic seeds will fall into a favourable environment," he concluded.—Reuters.



REPORT ON HKAA ACTIVITIES

The Committee of the newly re-organized Hongkong Automobile Association have not lost any time in getting down to business and, as announced elsewhere in this issue, they have, in conjunction with the Automobile Cleaning Services, inaugurated a reduced tariff for car cleaning effective as from today which will prove a considerable saving to most members who have been having their cars cleaned in the recognized Hongkong and Kowloon car parks. The new tariff for members divides cars into three categories and the monthly car cleaning charges will be—Large cars (over 14 h.p.) \$13 per month; Medium cars (10-14 h.p.) \$12 per month; Small cars (under 10 h.p.) \$10 per month.

The Association is already employing a Chief Supervisor and two Car Park Supervisors, one each at Kowloon and Hongkong. Within a few days all car cleaners co-operating with the Association and cleaning and watching under the supervision of the Association, will be issued with a special HKAA arm-band.

PATROLS AT JOCKEY CLUB

HKAA patrols will, upon request being made to the Secretaries of the Association (Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.), in sufficient time, be placed at the disposal of the organizers of private and public functions.

HKAA patrols will be on duty at the Jockey Club on race days.

The Committee are most anxious to increase the membership of the Association as rapidly as possible.

The registration of names of pre-war members has not been as good as was hoped, but nevertheless membership has increased by about 40% during the past six weeks.

However, in order to meet the needs of a really efficient organization it is necessary that the present membership be multiplied several times. All keen motorists and all those interested in motoring are earnestly requested to send in their names to any member of the Committee or to the Secretaries, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. with the least possible delay.

It is hoped to have the new automobile badges ready for issue to members within a few days. A very few pre-war badges have been recovered and these have already been issued.

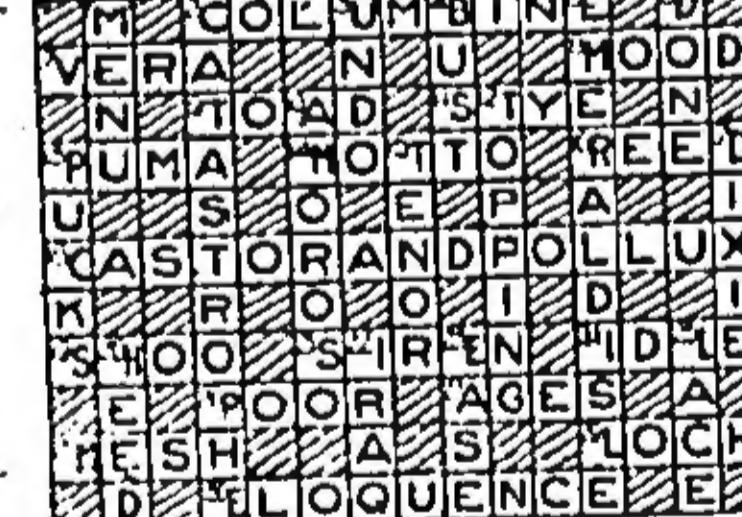
ABDUCTION OF SOVIET COLONEL

(Continued from Page 1)
plans directed a protest to the German authorities. The Russians protested strongly to General Galley at Berlin and on April 30, after no answer was received, demanded immediate liberation of Lieut Col Tassejew."

Brig-Gen. Galley said, "I can only say that we are investigating the case." He said that he started the investigation as soon as he received an unsigned Russian memorandum on April 26.—United Press.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13:—



Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—

Across: 1, Transform; 6, Reservoir; 8, Avail; 10, Zip; 12, Veger; 13, Ewe; 15, Photo; 17, Ply; 19, Actor; 20, Aurora; 21, Nard. Down: 1, Traveller; 2, Reversion; 3, Asar; 4, Neighbour; 5, Ooze; 7, Vertical; 9, Leopard; 11, Peg; 14, Way out; 15, Para; 16, Oster; 18, Trip.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Verdi's "Aida," commissioned by the Khedive of Egypt. 2. Accession to the Throne of King George I to VI. 3. (a) Plant; (b) star, (c) orchid. 4. (a) geese, (b) pigs, (c) fish, just spawned, (d) kittens. 5. (a) Stamps collector, (b) a speech full of invective, (c) a student of language, (d) nightingale, (e) love of knowledge. 6. The "devil" was a large "seam," and to "pox" it was to cover with pitch. 7. Bucket of dry sand. 8. (a) A. J. Munro; (b) Dame Laura Knight. 9. George Bolcher. 10. George Gershwin. 10. (a) Three percent (b) 24 percent. 11. Invented arithmetic. 12. Steel city in the Urals.

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MR. RIPLEY IS TOLD

Believe It Or Not We Have No Accommodation

"Believe it or not," said noted cartoonist Robert Ripley yesterday. "I will have to stay aboard ship tonight."

Three nearly identical telegrams from local hotels, replies to cables seeking accommodation for Mr. Ripley and his staff of six, had been worded in identical vein.

"Believe it or not," was the gist of these replies. "We are booked solid."

Mr. Ripley was not particularly annoyed. He has long since reconciled himself to the fact being stranger than fiction.

It was Hongkong, too, that had given Mr. Ripley one of his more important leg-ups on the road to fame, so he would hardly bear the same a grudge.

Here it was that Mr. Ripley had a dream that gave birth to one of the best known of his thousands of "Believe It or Not" cartoons.

Patiently plodding a constitutional along one of our streets at the turtle-trot pace so common to our Central District thoroughfares, Mr. Ripley's imaginative mind began to ponder on how long one would have to wait if all China's 301 million—that was many years ago and there are more now—plodded by.

A RAINSTORM

A brainstorm was brewing. Mr. Ripley lay back in bed that night and China's millions wouldn't allow him a wink. He tried counting sheep, gave it up as a bad job, and started again counting China's millions.

The job was too big for a single-file count. So Robert Ripley decided to regiment the 301 million and have them march past in quick step four abreast.

He worked it out in his mind and reached a startling conclusion.

This was that if anyone was whimsical enough to finance such a scheme, a lifetime wouldn't suffice for one man to scan all the 301 million faces.

On a conservative estimate, Mr. Ripley found, just 20,000,000 Chinese could pass by him, four abreast in quickstep, and say "how now?" to him for him to be bound a whole year to one spot.

After 36 years the whole of the Flower Kingdom's population would have passed by. Then would begin the march of 30 times 31 million more, the latter figure being China's annual contribution to the world's infant population.

So, counting sheep is much easier, Mr. Ripley agrees. In a well-executed cartoon Mr. Ripley started the world with this information. Since then he has not bothered to count sheep or China's millions.

"Believe it or not," Mr. Ripley said, "I read the Bible before going to bed."

GOOD POETRY

Pressed for an explanation of this bed-time habit, Mr. Ripley said he read the Bible because it soothed him to read good poetry. Sometimes he read John Masefield's sea shanties for a change.

Asked what he thought about Baron Munchausen, Mr. Ripley was slightly annoyed. "The difference between the Baron and myself," he said, "is that he just spins tall tales. I employ a staff of 77 to check on the accuracy of anything I put out."

Mr. Ripley's approach to the "Believe It or Not" problem has grown with the years since he accidentally stumbled on the series of cartoons that brought him fame, fortune, and an international reputation.

As a little boy, Robert Ripley took solidly to the breakfast-food habits that great baseball players grow up on.

His one ambition in life was to be a second Christy Mathewson. All he lived for was the day when he would be a second Mathewson, another great pitcher for the New York Giants.

His dreams did come through but did not last. He did play one year with the New York Giants as a pro. Then he broke his arm and turned to cartooning for a living.

This was also accidental. He had ambitions to be able to speak with profound understanding of the world's great literary masterpieces. To this end he enrolled in the Arts and Letters course at Leland Stanford University in California.

FEAKS OF CIRCUMSTANCE

FEAKS of circumstance—believe it or not—stunted Mr. Ripley's academic aspirations. He left Stanford without a degree but with an overwhelming curiosity already in grown and much sharpened by that type of racy adventurous literature (the real thing, believe it or not) that gleams with pictures of John Smith and Pocahontas, Mulvaney and the Shwe Dagon.

A career in pro baseball given up, Robert Ripley took to making a living out of sports cartooning for the New York Globe. He was a capable cartoonist and he knew a good deal about sports.

But even this type of work can get a man down. It did get Robert Ripley down and one afternoon he doodled long over his drawings. Scope for imagination was fairly limited where sports cartoons were concerned.

Factual cartooning had its limits. Doodling with pencil over paper, Mr. Ripley gave his imagination free reign. Let in a brown study, he glanced up at the clock. Conundrum seized him. Time was marching on. The clock pointed the press deadline in a few minutes.

Hurriedly he looked over his doodlings. Better something than nothing. He firmed the pencil sketches, hurriedly strung captions on and scrawled "Believe it or not!" as a heading.

A WAKE-UP CALL
He was a very late riser entering the Globe offices next morning. He

RUSSIAN PROPOSAL REJECTED

Vienna, Apr. 30.—The four-power Allied Control Council here today rejected a Soviet proposal to restrict and control flights into Vienna by the Western Powers' aircraft.

Replying to a Soviet statement that the proposal was made to increase safety, the American High Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Geoffrey Keyes, said: "I cannot reconcile this Soviet statement with their insistence on the removal of the American 'automatic radio beacon.'

General Keyes returned by air today after discussing the Soviet plan with Lieutenant-General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, at Frankfurt yesterday.

He described the Soviet proposal for a revision of the regulations for flights over occupied zones as "direct contradiction with the agreement signed by the Soviet representative in London."

The radio beacon referred to by General Keyes was the one erected for the safety of corridor flying from the Soviet zone near the American airbase at Tempelhof, Vienna.

The British, French and American High Commissioners today insisted on keeping the right to free and unimpeded flights between their zones and the Vienna garrison by any aircraft considered necessary in support of their mission.

They insisted that the decision regarding air requirements rested with them as Commanders-in-Chief in Vienna.—Reuters.

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